

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 5, second line from bottom to page 6, line 10 please amend the following:

As shown in Figs. 3-6, the marker 10 preferably further includes an ink/glitter control assembly 26 for regulating the flow of ink/glitter mixture 14 stored in ink/glitter supply reservoir 28 within the barrel 12 to the nib 16. Reservoir 28 is the space defined within the barrel 12 between ink/glitter control assembly 26 and the distal end 30 of the interior of the barrel 12. Ink/glitter control assembly 26 regulates the flow of ink/glitter mixture 14 from the reservoir 26 28 to the nib 16 by forming a seal or barrier 32 between reservoir 28 and the nib 16. The barrier 32 opens and closes depending on whether or not the marker 10 is being used. Namely, when the marker 10 is in use (Fig. 5), as is the case when the nib 16 of the marker 10 presses against a writing surface 34 (e.g. paper) to effectuate a writing (e.g. letters or words), the barrier 32 opens to allow the ink/glitter mixture 14a to flow through to the nib 16. Alternatively, when the marker is not being used (Fig. 4), the barrier 32 remains closed so as to prevent the ink/glitter mixture 14a from flowing to the nib 16.

Page 6, fifth line from the bottom to page 7, line 27, please amend the following:

Turning to how the ink supply assembly 26 regulates the flow of ink/glitter mixture 14 to the nib 16 of the marker 10, this regulation is achieved by way of a cooperative relationship between the ink/glitter supply assembly 26 is operatively connected to the nib 16 via an elongated rod member 52 attached to the rear of the nib 16. The rod member 52 extends upward from the nib 16, where in its upper portion is housed within valve member 36 via an opening 54 in the dome shaped front portion 44 of the valve number 36. The rod member 52 is slidable axially in response to axial movement of the nib 16. When the marker 10 is at rest or otherwise not in use as depicted in Fig. 4,

the ink/glitter mixture 14 is barred from reaching or making contact with the nib 16 by the ink/glitter control assembly 26. In particular, some of the ink/mixture 14 stored in ink supply reservoir 28 flows from the reservoir through the top cover 50 of the ink/supply assembly housing 46 via opening 54 48 and into the ink/control assembly housing 46. However, the ink/glitter mixture 14a in the ink/glitter control assembly housing is prevented from flowing out of the ink supply assembly housing 46 and into contact with the nib 16 due to the barrier 32 formed by domed shaped front portion 44 of the valve member 36 of the ink/glitter control assembly 26.

Specifically, the outer periphery of the front portion 44 of the valve member 36, when the marker is not in use, lockingly engages with the side walls 56 of the ink/glitter supply assembly housing 46 to form barrier 32 to prevent the flow of ink/glitter mixture 14a from out of the tubular housing 46 to the nib 16. The outer periphery of the front portion 44 of the valve member 36 is held or maintained in engagement with the side walls 56 of the ink/glitter control assembly 26 with the assistance of spring 38. Spring 38 (i.e. uncoiled at rest) which is mounted on the rear end of the valve member-44 36 urges against the central body portion 40 of valve member 44 to exert a downward pressure against the front portion 44 of the valve member 36 in sealing or locking engagement with walls 56 of the ink/glitter assembly housing 46, thereby preventing ink/glitter 14a from flowing out of the ink/glitter assembly housing 46 and into contact with the nib 16.